



Seattle Family Centers FAMILY SUPPORT PRINCIPLES

Principle One: Staff and families work together in relationships based on equality and respect.

Principle Two: Programs enhance families' capacity to support the growth and development of all family members -adults, youth, and children.

Principle Three: Families are resources to their own members, to other families, to programs, and to communities.

Principle Four: Programs affirm and strengthen families' cultural, racial, and linguistic identities and enhance their ability to function in a multicultural society.

Principle Five: Programs are embedded in their communities and contribute to the community-building process.

Principle Six: Programs advocate with families for services and systems that are fair, responsive, and accountable to the families served.

Principle Seven: Practitioners work with families to mobilize formal and informal resources to support family development.

Principle Eight: Programs are flexible and continually responsive to emerging family and community issues.

Principle Nine: Principles of family support are modeled in all program activities, including planning, governance, and administration.